

IN THE CLAIMS

The Claims are amended and listed hereinafter:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (New) An axial flow fan, comprising

a frame;

a driving device, being disposed in the frame;

a fan blade part, providing a hub member and a plurality of fan blades attached to an outer rim of the hub member and the hub member engaging with the driving device such that the fan blades are disposed outside the frame and the lower edges of the fan blades are flush with the upper edge of the frame;

characterized in that a shield member is joined to the frame to surround the fan blades.

Claim 12 (New) The axial flow fan as defined in claim 11, wherein the shield member is integrally made with the frame.

Claim 13 (New) The axial flow fan as defined in claim 11, wherein the shield member is built-up to the frame with screw fasteners.

Claim 14 (New) An axial flow fan, comprising

a frame;

a driving device, being disposed in the frame;

a fan blade part, providing a hub member and a plurality of fan blades attached to an outer rim of the hub member and the hub member engaging with the driving device such that the fan blades are disposed outside the frame and the lower edges of the fan blades are higher than the upper edge of the frame;

characterized in that a shield member is joined to the frame

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to surround the fan blades.

Claim 15 (New) The axial flow fan as defined in claim 11, wherein the shield member is integrally made with the frame.

Claim 16 (New) The axial flow fan as defined in claim 11, wherein the shield member is built-up to the frame by way of built-up.